Office from All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped People's Upliftment (R). The letters pertained to non-following of reservation/share in allotment of plots by Noida/Greater Noida Authorities.

(c) The letters of Association pertains to land allotment which is a State subject, hence no directive was issued.

(d) Government's policy on reservation circulated by DoPT deals with reservation in jobs and not on issue of allotment of land. As such no action was considered necessary and the letters were filed by the Prime Minister's Office.

(e) Does not arise.

Re-introduction of Single Directive

3918. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Single Directive' prohibiting investigation against officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above without Government's permission, is being re-introduced;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above who are being investigated at present by CBI; and

(d) how many such officers have been prosecuted during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The Central Vigilance Commission Bill, 1999, as Reported by the Joint Parliamentary Committee, contains in clause 27 an amendment to Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946 to this effect. The Report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee was presented to the Parliament on 22.11.2000 and is pending consideration in the Lok Sabha.

(c) As on 31.3.2002, 93 officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and

above of the Government and equal status of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) arc being investigated by the CBI.

(d) 24 officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above of the Government and equal status of PSUs have been prosecuted by the CBI in 26 cases during the last five years *i.e.* from 1997 to 31.3.2002.

Remuneration to retired employees working as inquiry officers

†3919. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965, a retired personnel can be appointed as inquiry officer for departmental inquiry;

(b) if so, the details of the relevant provisions;

(c) whether there is any provision for providing remuneration to such retired personnel;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether such an arrangement also exists for presenting officers and defence assistants; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) A retired Government servant can be appointed Inquiry Officer in terms of provisions contained in Rule 14(2) of CCS(CCA) Rules read with instructions contained in Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions O.M. No. 134/1/87-AVD.I dated 15.5.87.

(c) and (d) Under the instructions contained in O.M. No. 134/4/99-AVD.I dated 29.6.2001, retired Government servants appointed as Inquiry Officers are entitled to a lumpsum remuneration of

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.